

**P70-89. A Child's Day: 2000 (Selected Indicators of Child Well-Being)**

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 1996 Panel, Wave 6.

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(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Age of child				Type of early child care experience /1							
					Percent ever in child care arrangement				Average time spent in first child care arrangement (hours per week)			
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<b>Total</b>	11,561	12,088	24,095	23,345	30.7	50.7	43.7	34.5	29.9	27.6	27.7	28.0
<b>Monthly Family Income</b>												
Under \$1,500	2,293	2,706	4,730	3,982	20.3	41.6	38.3	28.1	28.3	26.7	26.1	25.9
\$1,500 to \$2,999	2,679	3,064	6,292	5,621	23.9	46.1	39.3	31.1	30.8	28.9	28.2	28.5
\$3,000 to \$4,499	2,135	2,325	5,052	4,790	33.2	52.6	43.8	32.6	30.8	27.7	28.0	29.0
\$4,500 and over	4,194	3,694	7,596	8,594	39.4	60.6	51.0	40.8	29.8	27.5	28.2	28.2
Income not reported	261	299	425	357	29.6	44.0	37.1	35.9	26.4	22.3	24.9	23.2
<b>Poverty Status</b>												
Below poverty level	2,101	2,515	4,644	3,881	18.0	37.7	34.5	26.8	27.4	26.4	25.6	25.7
On or above poverty level	9,200	9,273	19,025	19,107	33.6	54.5	46.1	36.1	30.3	28.0	28.2	28.4
100 to 199 percent of poverty	2,684	2,992	6,272	5,378	21.4	44.1	38.8	27.4	30.7	27.8	27.6	27.9
200 percent of poverty or higher	6,516	6,281	12,754	13,729	38.6	59.4	49.7	39.4	30.2	28.0	28.4	28.6
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<b>Tenure</b>												
Owens home	6,846	7,212	15,560	16,369	32.6	54.4	45.6	36.9	30.1	27.1	27.9	27.9
Rents home	4,192	4,429	7,907	6,466	28.9	45.2	40.6	29.4	29.7	28.4	27.4	28.4
Other arrangements	523	446	648	529	19.7	45.2	34.4	26.1	26.6	29.0	29.0	29.0
<b>Region of Residence</b>												
Northeast	2,223	2,197	4,441	4,171	30.7	53.0	29.4	30.1	27.3	25.3	24.7	24.8
Midwest	2,672	2,892	5,744	5,878	36.6	54.1	49.9	40.1	30.1	27.0	27.7	26.8
South	3,933	3,998	8,161	8,160	30.5	51.4	46.3	32.8	31.3	30.2	30.6	31.4

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West	2,733	3,001	5,749	5,136	25.1	44.9	37.2	34.6	29.9	26.4	25.4	26.8
<b>Metropolitan Residence</b>												
Metropolitan	9,432	9,805	19,198	18,458	31.0	50.0	42.6	34.3	30.1	27.8	27.8	28.0
In central cities	3,423	3,512	7,242	6,648	27.3	48.8	39.9	28.8	31.4	27.7	28.2	28.9
Outside central cities	6,009	6,293	11,957	11,810	33.1	50.7	44.3	37.3	29.4	27.8	27.6	27.6
Nonmetropolitan	2,129	2,283	4,896	4,887	29.4	53.6	47.9	35.6	29.1	27.0	27.6	28.2

/1 Statistics are based only on those children ever being in child care.